

Ashland Church of Christ 2007
Spreading the Good News

“GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS...” (MATTHEW 28:10)

Putting it All Together — Review

Our Year in Review

Text: Matthew 28:18-20

Key Text *Matthew 28:18-20, “And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’ Amen.”*

- I. **Spreading the Good News — Matthew 28:18-20.**
 - A. Building up the church is biblically commanded (Ephesians 4:11-16).
 - B. The Great commission tells us this is what Jesus said to do.
 - C. Hence, we laid out a plan for spreading the good news.
- II. **Do I Really Know — Evidences.**
 - A. Truth is real and can certainly be ascertained (John 8:30-32).
 - B. Science and the Bible are two votes which prove God exists (Psalm 19:1; 2Timothy 3:16).
 - C. Any alleged problem with the Bible can be explained (2Timothy 2:15; Acts 17:11).
- III. **What Do I Do — Authority.**
 - A. The Bible authorizes by command, example, and necessary inference (consider baptism).
 - B. Many things do not offer any religious authority.
 - C. 1Peter 4:11.
- IV. **First Things First — Salvation.**
 - A. We must make sure that we are saved.
 - B. Then, we teach others what they must do to be saved (Matthew 28:18-20).

- C. While issues like baptism are being disputed, the Bible can answer any religious question.
- V. **Do I Really Believe — Commitment.**
- A. Commitment is more than announcing a belief or donating to a cause (Matthew 25:31-46).
 - B. Believing (truly having the faith) the Bible is seen in our actions (James 1:22).
 - C. God comes above all (Matthew 16:24).
- VI. **Do I Understand Church — Purpose.**
- A. Being a member of the church means being an encouragement to others (1Corinthians 14:26).
 - B. The purpose of the church is evangelism, edification, benevolence, and worship (Ephesians 4:11-16; John 4:24).
 - C. One who gets nothing out of church most likely does not understand the purpose of the church.
- VII. **Do I Need to Study Some More? — Knowledge.**
- A. A servant of the Lord will do what God wants him to do (2Timothy 2:24).
 - B. If we know enough to be saved, then we know enough to teach someone else.
 - C. We must not make excuses for not practicing evangelism.
- VIII. **I Am With You — Courage.**
- A. The cure for fear is a growing faith (2Peter 1:5-11; Hebrews 5:12).
 - B. Jesus told us we have nothing to fear (John 14:1).
 - C. When our faith is strong, we have ability to do what God wants us to do (Matthew 17:20).
- IX. **Who Do I Need to Evangelize? — Audience.**
- A. The book of Acts is our model.
 - B. When we do what they did; we get what they got!
 - C. The mandate and focus is on the message, not results.
- X. **Getting Out of the Comfort Zone — Work.**
- A. The example is the people of Nehemiah (Nehemiah 4:6).
 - B. Another is Peter (Matthew 14:22-33).
 - C. We must not fail the God that sends us or the world that needs us.
- XI. **Living Outside the Comfort Zone — Habit.**
- A. We develop a habit of evangelism by avid study and prayer (2Timothy 2:15; 1Thessalonians 5:17).
 - B. We must fuel the fire.
 - C. When we see the world like Jesus sees it, we will be up the challenge (Philippians 2:5).
- XII. **Putting it All Together — Review.**
- A. Remember what we have learned (2Peter 1:15).
 - B. Apply what we have learned (James 1:22).
 - C. Don't ever give up!